

MBSS Certification Requirements 2020 Quick Reference

				Cost		
Certification	Requirements	Date of Training	Length of Training	For-Profit Company Rate	Government/ NGO/Academia Rate	Certification is Valid for:
<i>Spring Certifications</i>						
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend MBSS Spring Training²Pass written Benthic Sampling Protocol test administered during trainingComplete one field audit and QA/QC benthic sample using standard MBSS protocols prior to sampling other sites	Feb. 21	1 Day	\$700 (plus registration fee for spring training)	\$300 (plus registration fee for spring training)	3 years
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Laboratory Processing and Subsampling ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend MBSS Lab Training⁴Pass written Benthic Sample Processing test administered during lab trainingComplete one QA/QC benthic subsample	TBA	1 Day	\$425	\$125	3 years
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Taxonomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Possess Society for Freshwater Science (SFS) certification in Group 2 (Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, and Trichoptera) genera and Group 3 (Chironomidae) genera	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	5 years (as determined by SFS)

¹Requires annual attendance of MBSS Spring Training; Valid through December 31 of the third year following certification

²2020 Spring Training registration fee = \$85 per person

³Held at DNR's Benthic Lab in Annapolis; Valid for three years from the date of laboratory certification

⁴ Benthic Lab training (no cost) completed on the same day just prior to certification. Both are appointment with MBSS Benthic Lab staff.

<i>Summer Certifications</i>							
Physical Habitat Assessment ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend MBSS Summer Training⁵ (Physical Habitat Certification Day) Pass written Physical Habitat Assessment test Complete one field audit (conducted at MBSS Summer Training) 	May 26	1 Day	\$0 (plus registration fee for summer training)	\$0 (plus registration fee for summer training)	1 year	
Fish Crew Leader ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend MBSS Summer Training (Fish Crew Leader Certification Day) Pass written Fish Crew Leader test (year 1) Complete one field audit using standard MBSS protocols prior to sampling other sites (year 1) 	May 26	1 Day	Year 1: \$500 (plus registration fee for summer training) Year 2-3: Registration fee for summer training	Year 1: \$250 (plus registration fee for summer training) Year 2-3: Registration fee for summer training	3 years	
Fish Taxonomy ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass Fish Taxonomy test administered during summer training Complete one field audit prior to sampling other sites 	May 29	1 Day	\$180 (plus registration fee for summer training)	\$100 (plus registration fee for summer training)	1 year	
Fish Crew Leader and Fish Taxonomy Bundle ⁸	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of the above requirements for one applicant 	-	-	\$560	\$285		

⁴Valid for the calendar year

⁵2020 Summer Training registration fee = \$250 per registrant for four days; \$100 per registrant for individual days

⁶Valid until December 31st of the 3rd year of certification

⁷Valid for the calendar year

⁸Both audits must be conducted on the same day